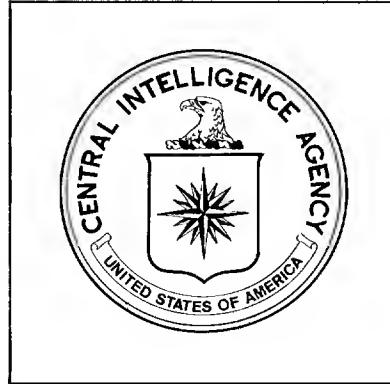


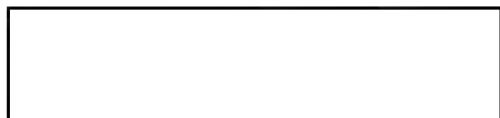
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USSR-Israel*Moscow Cautious on UN Suspension*

The Soviets have reacted gingerly to moves to suspend Israel from the UN.

Soviet media have alluded only briefly to the Arab proposals. When they did get around to reporting on the Islamic conference in Jidda, the resolution calling for Israel's suspension from the UN was not mentioned.

Moscow obviously would rather not have to face the suspension issue at the UN General Assembly. A Soviet vote for suspension would confirm Israel's suspicions of the Soviets and would undercut Moscow's efforts to win a role for itself in the Middle East negotiations. A negative vote or an abstention would damage Soviet standing in the Arab capitals.

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Expulsion, unlike suspension, would have to be approved by the Security Council where each of the five powers has a veto.

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